



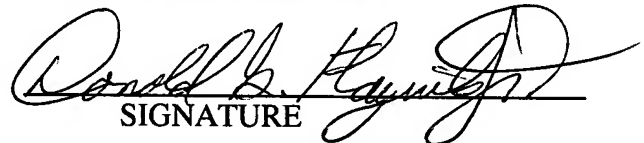
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AMENDMENT

Sir,

In response to the Official Action mailed December 2, 2004, please amend the

Application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend Page 8, lines 11-17 as follows:.

FIGs. 3A, 3B, 3C and 3D depict embodiments of such facilitating means wherein a cap 110 comprises a magnetized or ferrous disk 111 is in magnetic contact with the tip 43 of the

telescopic wand 40. As an operator pulls gently on the cap 110, the latter attracts the tip 43 thus gently extending the wand 40 out of the handle. The cap 110 may be hingeably attached to the second end 35 of the handle 20 (See FIG. 3A) or, in the alternative, and as shown in FIG. 3B, it may be attached to the second end of the handle 35 by means of a chain or string [115] 116.

Please amend Page 9, lines 2-10 as follows:

FIGs. 3C and 3D depict alternative embodiments of deployment facilitating means wherein a cap [145] 110, adapted to be grasped by hand, is removably attached to the tip 43 of the wand 40. For instance, as shown in FIG. 3C, the cap [145] 110 may contain a female thread 139 adapted to receive a male thread 133 on the tip 43. The [tap] cap itself may be ferrous or magnetized and thus allow the use of the wand/cap combination as a sturdy pick-up tool. In such a case, and as shown in 3D, the cap [145] 110 may be held in place by the magnetic attraction with the tip 43. The cap [145] 110 is further secured to the second end 35 by means of two prongs 146, 147 adapted to be received by cavities 148, 149 in the second end 35.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 5 and 6.

Please amend claim 12.